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SUBJ: DRC MEETING JUNE 6, 1975: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

REF: USNATO 2975

1. DURING BRIEF JUNE 6 DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) MEETING, ALL EXEPT BELGIUM (COL TAYMANS) AND NETHERLANDS (MAJ STEENAERT) REPS AGREED, WITH RELUCTANCE, TO REPLACE LAST SENTENCE IN PARA 40 OF MINISTERIAL GUIAANCE (DPC/D(75)4) WHICH UK REP (MACDONALD) HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED (REFTEL, WITH FOLLOWING SENTENCE: QUOTE THESE POSSIBILITIES HAVE TO BE PURSUED WITH INCREASED VIGOUR, AS INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN THESE FIELDS COULD MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO MAINTAIN VALID DEFENCES WITHIN THE REESOURCES AVAILABLE. END QUOTE.

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2. NETHERLANDS REP, CALAIMING STRICT INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTER VREDELING, INITIALLY PROPOSED ABOVE-QUOTED SENTENCE WITH SECOND CLAUSE READING, QUOTE AS INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN THESE FIELDS WILL MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT, ETC. UNQUOTE IF DRC REPS

COULD NOT ACCEPT PROPOSED SENTENCE WITHOUT MODIFICATION, HE SAID
MINISTER VREDELING WANTED SENTENCE ORIGINALLY APPEARING IN
BRACKETS (DPC/D(75)4) TO BE CARRIED AS DUTCH FOOTNOTE TO PARA 40.
AT REQUEST OF VIRTUALLY ALL DRC MEMBERS, HOWEVER, NETHERLANDS
REP AGREED TO SEEK MINISTER VREDELING'S ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTE COULD
UNQUOTE VICE QUOTE WILL UNQUOTE.

3. BELGIAN REP, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, OPPOSED NEW SENTENCE AND
SUGGESTED THAT DRC REFLECT NETHERLANDS' POSITION IN A FOOTNOTE.
AT REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS, BELGIAN REP ACCEPTED NEW SENTENCE
AD REFERENDUM.

4. IN CONCLUDING REMARKS, HUMPHREYS NOTED QUOTE RESIGNED
ACCEPTANCE UNQUOTE OF NEW SENTENCE BY MOST DRC MEMBERS AND
ASKED NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN REPS TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL STAFF
WITH THEIR NATIONAL RESPONSES BY JUNE 10. BRUCE

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